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OF: HESSE ET AL.	CONFIRMATION No.:	7432
SERIAL No. 10/516,922	GROUP ART UNIT:	1621
FILED: DECEMBER 07, 2004	EXAMINER:	K. GALE
FOR: TWO-STAGE PROCESS FOR PREPARING BUTANEDIOL WITH INTER-MEDIATE REMOVAL OF SUCCINIC ANHYDRIDE		

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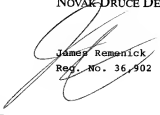
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The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449.

REMARKS:

The listed documents C, O, AD and AAA were cited in the International Search Report. The remaining references are addressed on pages 2 to 9 of the application. For example, a concise discussion

- of document AO is found in the paragraph beginning on page 6 in line 23 of the application,
- of documents AS to AX is found in the paragraphs beginning on page 7 in lines 7, 11 and 14 of the application,
- of document AZ is found in the paragraph beginning on page 4 in line 15 of the application, and
- of documents AAB, AAE and AAG is found in the paragraph beginning on page 4 in line 22, on page 4 in line 26, and on page 7 in line 31, of the application, respectively.

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A	US 3,288,588	08/1986	HORLENKO et al.	260	585	
B	US 4,001,282	01/1977	MILLER	260	343.6	
C	US 4,048,196	09/1977	BROECKER et al.	260	346.11	
D	US 4,268,695	05/1981	LANGE et al.	568	864	
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F	US 4,652,685	03/1987	CAWSE et al.	588	884	
G	US 4,797,382	01/1989	De THOMAS et al.	502	245	
H	US 4,885,411	12/1989	De THOMAS et al.	568	884	
I	US 4,940,805	07/1990	FISCHER et al.	549	328	
J	US 4,965,378	10/1990	BUDGE et al.	549	508	
K	US 5,030,773	07/1991	JOHNSON et al.	568	864	
L	US 5,072,009	12/1991	BUDGE et al.	549	508	
M	US 5,122,495	06/1992	TAYLOR et al.	502	183	
N	US 5,149,836	09/1992	De THOMAS et al.	549	325	
O	US 5,196,602	03/1993	BUDGE et al.	568	864	
P	US 5,385,990	03/1995	SCARLETT	568	864	
Q	US 5,406,004	04/1995	EASTLAND et al.	568	831	
R	US 5,536,849	07/1996	BERGFELD et al.	549	325	
S	US 6,008,375	12/1999	BERGFELD et al.	548	554	
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AB	WO 95/22539	08/1995	WIPO	LANCIA et al.		n / a
AC	WO 97/24346	07/1997	WIPO	BERGFELD et al.	S	
AD	WO 97/43234	11/1997	WIPO	TUCK et al.		n / a
AE	WO 99/35113	07/1999	WIPO	BERTOLA		n / a
AF	WO 99/35114	07/1999	WIPO	BERTOLA		n / a
AG	WO 99/35138	07/1999	WIPO	BERTOLA		n / a
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	AL	EP 0 322 140	06/1989	Europe	ATTIG et al.	n / e
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	AP	EP 0 404 408	12/1990	Europe	BUDGE	n / a
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	AZ	DE 1 277 233	09/1968	Germany	HOOD et al.	A
	AAA	DE 2 043 349	03/1972	Germany	MURATA et al.	BI
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	AAC	DE 2 404 493	08/1974	Germany	MILLER	B
	AAD	DE 24 55 617	05/1976	Germany	BROECKER et al.	C
	AAE	DE 25 01 499	07/1976	Germany	FREUDENBERGER et al.	AAK
	AAF	DE 28 45 905	04/1980	Germany	LANGE et al.	D
	AAG	DE 37 26 510	02/1989	Germany	EGGERSDORFER et al.	BJ
	AAH	GB 1,168,220	10/1969	Great Britain		n / a
	AAI	GB 1,230,276	04/1971	Great Britain		n / e
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	AAO JP 02/233,630	09/1990	Japan		BN	
	AAP JP 02/233,631	09/1990	Japan		BO	
	AAQ JP 02/233,632	09/1990	Japan		BP	
	AAR JP 05/036,669	02/1993	Japan		BQ	
	AAS JP 06/034,567	02/1994	Japan		X	
	AAT JP 07/240,770	09/1995	Japan		X	
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BD	CN 1 116 615	English language Derwent abstract of document AU
BE	CN 1 137 944	English language Derwent abstract of document AV
BF	CN 1 138 018	English language Derwent abstract of document AW
BG	CN 1 182 639	English language Derwent abstract of document AX
BH	CN 1 182 732	English language Derwent abstract of document AY
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BP	JP 02/233,632	English language Derwent abstract of document AAQ
BQ	JP 05/036,669	English language Derwent abstract of document AAR
BR	DASHUNIN et al.	Z. Org. Chim. 1(6), 996-1000 (1996) - English language translation 'Substituted Lactones and their Transformations - Preparation of 1- and 2-alkyl-1,4-butanediols from α - and γ -substituted Butyrolactones'

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